SISTERS' DEPARTMENT.

Work Done by the Angels.

BY MARY C. MILLER.

The first work done by the angels for mankind that we have any account of in the scriptures, was in the time of Abraham. In the first chapter of Hebrews, we read that angels are ministering spirits sent to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Let us look at their work through the different ages. On their way to Lot and his family they stopped with Abraham and after delivering their message to him went on to inform Lot of the destruction of the cities of the plains.

When Abraham was about to slay his son an angel called to him out of heaven and kept him from doing so. What joyful news it was for them! Israel speaks about the angel which redeemed him from all evil, and asks it to bless the sons of Joseph.

God sent an angel before Israel, when she journeyed to keep them in the way and bring them to the country promised to them, telling them that if they would indeed obey his voice and do all they were bid he would 'be an enemy to their enemies and an adversary to their adversaries' but if they would provoke the angel he would not pardon their transgressions. This angel guarded the congregation and kept them from harm. When the Egyptians were pursuing them the angel changed its position and instead of going before, it stood behind them in the form of a cloud, which was darkness to the enemy but light by night to Israel. From these things we see how the angels ministered to man away back in the early ages. Many, many are the instances on record of angels caring for people in different ways, those who should be heirs of salvation, and in the Apostles time, angels were sent to do service to mankind. An angel appeared to Cornelius when he had fasted and prayed,—do we fast and pray?—One in bright clothing came and talked to him. An angel led Peter out of prison when Herod had placed him very securely after he had killed James.—Do angels ever lead us out of prison?—When Christ was tempted in the wilderness, 'after Satan had left him angels came and ministered unto him'. Do we feel that they ever minister to us? Christ tells his disciples that they should take heed and not despise a person who had become as a little child, one who is willing to trust his heavenly Father as a little one trusts its earthly parents. They were not to despise them for he told them their angels do always behold the face of his Father in heaven, and if such a one would stray away Christ gives them to understand that he would go and seek after him, because he has a care for all such and they have angels in heaven in the presence of God, who are ready to go and succor those who are willing and bring them back again to the fold. It is to be inferred that God's children here on earth have each angels who have a care for them and not only inferred, but scripture is quite plain that it is so. In Psalms we read that 'the angels of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them'. This Psalm is illustrated in 2 Kings, the city of Elisha was surrounded by a Syrian host, and when the servant of Elisha was fearful, Elisha told him not to fear 'for they that be with us are more than they who be with them.' And when his eyes were opened he saw horses and chariots of fire, thick about them, all over the mountain. What a wonderful thing it was for a man to have his spiritual sight given to him so that he could see the spirits which surrounded him. What was it which enabled Elisha to see those spirits? Was it not his strong and steady faith in God?

When we do a wrong act, something selfish and unchristianlike, tell a conversation a little different from just the plain truth and whereby change the truth into untruth, work for man's praise instead of God's praise, use flattery, seek honor from one another, use bad language, go in bad company, in short become careless and prayerless. When we do such things need we to expect the angels to minister to our needs? When Christ was born there were shepherds in the same country keeping watch over their flock by night. An angel of the Lord went to these men and when the glory of the Lord shone round about them they were afraid he told them not to fear for he had brought them good news and these news were for all people. When the angel was done talking, suddenly there appeared with him a multitude of heavenly visitors singing praises to God and peace and good will to man. God watches over by day and by night. His messages may be encamped around us all the time, at least I feel confident that they are about us when it is needful, that is in our most dangerous moments, and we have no excuse if we don't resist temptation.

Pickrell, Neb.

MARRIED.

RIDENOUR—OVERLEESE—Married on Thursday evening, June 6, at the residence of the bride's parents, Elkhart Co., Ind., Eld, James A. Ridenour, of Dayton, Ohio, and Sister Amelia L. Overleese of the city of Elkhart. Eld. P. Erwin was the officiating minister. May peace, prosperity and happiness attend their journey through life.

ALPHEUS MOYER.

OUR DEAD.

BRANT—Died in the Berling congregation, Somerset Co., Pa., June 5, 1889, Harrison Mortan, infant son of brother and sister Israel Brant, aged 1 year and 10 days. 'Of such is the kingdom of heaven.'

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

STROCK.—Died at the residence of her brother Martin, in Lanark, Ill., June 1, 1889, Sister Clara Belle Strock. She was born in Pa., Nov. 16, 1871. Sister Clara united with the Brethren church during the time Bro. J. W. Beer labored for the church at Lanark and was a faithful member up to her departure. When the time came for her to go she went willingly, in the full hope of meeting the loved ones gone before. Among the last words she uttered were: 'Father I am going home. I'll soon be there.' A very large concourse of friends followed her remains to the Baptist church, which, however, was not large enough to accommodate all. The services were conducted by the writer and assisted by Elder Allen of the Church of God. Text: 'To die is gain.'

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

In memory of C. R. Sprinkle, who died May 23, 1889, by Eld. S. P. Stevens, who baptized the decease May 6, 1888.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord.
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words,
'We must for a season part.'

Dearest loved one, we must lay thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.

Loving father and mother, weep not for me.
I long to be at rest.
How happy, happy I shall be.
When pillowed on my Savior's breast.

Home sweet home, our home forever,
All to me a journey past.
Welcome home to wander never,
Saved through Jesus home at last.

THORLEY.—Catherine Castor, was born in Brook Co., West Va., July 18, 1819, was married to William Thorley, of Brook County, West Va., November 26, 1840, died June 3, 1889, aged 69 years, 10 months and 14 days.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CATHERINE THORLEY.

Farewell, fond mother, thy pains are o'er
And sorrow thou shalt know no more,
But dwell in glorious rest at home,
The fields of Paradise to roam.

I'll miss thee, mother; can it be
That thou from grief and pain art free,
With loved ones and with Jesus blest.
Enjoying an eternal rest.

Mother, farewell, your toils are o'er,
And here on earth we'll meet no more;
But in that happy home on high,
We hope to meet thee by and by.

Rest, rest at home, Ah blessed thought
To be so near and like the God.
We'll try and greet thee in that rest,
Where saints in God are ever blest.

Farewell, again we say farewell,
With tuneful notes your trumpet swell,
Turning your harp with loudest praise,
As you on your Redeemer gaze.

S. T. AND K. T.

Washington's Prayer.

In the Summer of 1779, Washington, exploring alone one day the position of the British forces on the banks of the Hudson, ventured too far from his own camp, and was compelled by a sudden storm and the fatigue of his horse to seek shelter for the night in the cottage of a pious American peasant, who, greatly struck with the language and manner of his guest, and listening at the door of his chamber, overheard the following prayer from the Father of his Country:

'And now Almighty Father, if it is Thy holy will that we shall obtain a place and name among the nations of the earth, grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by our endeavors to fear and obey Thee. Bless us with wisdom in our councils, success in battle, and let all our victories be tempered with humanity. Endow, also, our enemies with enlightened minds that they may become sensible of their injustice, and willing to restore our liberty and peace. Grant the petition of Thy servant, for the sake of Him whom Thou hast called Thy beloved Son; nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done!'—SELECTED.

A Secret With God.

Jessie had kept a journal ever since she could write a letter; but she would not let any body see it.

One day her mother asked her why she would not let anybody see it.

She said 'I have a secret, mamma.'

'But you must tell me all your secrets, dear,' said her mother.

'Mamma,' said Jessie very softly, 'I have a secret with God. God is helping me to be a better girl; and I am writing in my journal what I have done every day that will please God.'—Christian Observer.

Any work, no matter how humble, that a man honors by efficient labor and steady application, will be found important enough to secure respect for himself and credit for his name.

Clear the window of the soul of cobwebs, spider-weaved by prejudice and unbelief and sin, that through Faith's crystalline atmosphere, you may look through the Gate into the Heavenly city.—T. R. Macduff, D. D.

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Resorts.

Puck says: "The white man who drives a coal cart has to resort to soap and water, just as does a negro who has spent the day in whitewashing."

But the most strange things of all are usually resorted to when a man gets sick.

Of course he doesn't want a doctor—at least not at first. He usually goes to the so-called saloon and gets a drink, which makes him feel rather dazed, so he takes another, and comes home temporarily elated, supposing himself cured.

When he wakes next morning, with a headache twice as bad as ever, and feeling feverish and cross, he concludes he will have to try something else.

He takes a dose of whatever he happens to have in the house—some liver renovator, kidney evaporator, or heart enlarger—and sets forth saying if he isn't better tomorrow he will send for the doctor.

Next morning he is sick in bed; the doctor is called, shakes his head, prescribes two or three kinds of medicine, according to his medical creed, but always insists upon perfect quiet, and that the patient must not go to his office for two weeks, or the result will be serious.

He does, in truth, lie in bed for a week or ten days, his recovery retarded by a multitude of remedies, and the knowledge that his business is going to ruin in his absence. When he does drag out at last, he finds that the family must deny themselves everything but the common necessities of life for some time to come, in order that the doctor's bill may be paid, and repairs made in the business.

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